

URBAN DISTRICT

of

HALTEMPRICE

Annual Report

of


THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year ended 31st December,

1949



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MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1949.

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June, 1950.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1949, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular 2/50 (England).

1.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

| | | | | | | |
|-----|--|------------|------|------|------|----------|
| (a) | Area in acres | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9,026 |
| (b) | Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1949 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35,590 |
| (c) | Number of inhabited houses end of 1949 according to Rate Books (estimated) | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10,540 |
| (d) | Rateable value at end of 1949 | .. | .... | .... | .... | £210,067 |
| (e) | Sum represented by a Penny Rate (31-3-49).... | £818/13/11 | | | | |

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births numbered 492, being :—

| Males. | Females. |
|--------|----------|
| 265 | 227 |

Of these births 5 males and 12 females were illegitimate.

This gives an annual Birth Rate of 13.8, compared with 15.4 for the year 1948, and 16.7 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1949.

Still Births numbered 11, being :—

| Males. | Females. |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 7 | 4 |
| (1 male being illegitimate). | |

This gives an annual Still Birth Rate of 0.31, compared with 0.14 for the year 1948 and 0.39 for the whole of England and Wales for 1949.

Deaths numbered 370, being made up of 193 males and 177 females. (318 in 1948). This gives an annual Death Rate of 10.4 for the year, compared with 9.0 for the year 1948 and 11.7 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1949.

| | | | |
|--|------|------|----|
| Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis | .... | .... | 0 |
| Deaths from other Puerperal causes | .... | .... | 1 |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year | .... | .... | 11 |
| being 6 males and 5 females (1 male illegitimate) giving an <i>Infant Mortality Rate</i> of 22.3 for the year, compared with 41.1 for the year 1948 and 32 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1949. | | | |
| Deaths from Cancer | .... | .... | 68 |
| being 34 males and 34 females (in 1948 the number was 65). | | | |
| Deaths from Measles | .... | .... | 0 |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough | .... | .... | 0 |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) | .... | .... | 3 |
| (as against 1 for 1948) giving a death rate of 6.1 compared with 3 for England and Wales for 1949. | | | |

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1949.

| Disease. | Total Notified. | Cases admitted to Hospital. | Total Deaths. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 58 | 18 | — |
| Diphtheria | 4 | 4 | — |
| Enteric Fever (Para Typhoid) | — | — | — |
| Pneumonia | 18 | 1 | 10 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1 | 1 | — |
| Whooping Cough | 101 | — | — |
| Measles | 182 | 4 | — |
| Erysipelas | 6 | 2 | — |
| Acute Polio-Encephalitis | — | — | — |
| Acute Polio-Myelitis | 1 | 1 | — |
| Dysentery (Mental Institution) | 8 | 1 | — |
| Chicken Pox | 102 | 2 | — |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | — | — |

4.—TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Periods | New Cases. | | | | Deaths. | | | |
|----------------|-------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Years | | | | | | | | |
| 0 ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| 1 ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... |
| 5 ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15 ... | 3 | 4 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 ... | 2 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 35 ... | 4 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... |
| 45 .. | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 55 ... | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 65 and upwards | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Totals .. | 17 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... |

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

| Year. | New Cases. | Deaths. |
|-----------|------------|---------|
| 1946 | 38 | 14 |
| 1947 | 26 | 15 |
| 1948 | 26 | 11 |
| 1949 | 38 | 6 |

5.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1949.

| CAUSES OF DEATH. | MALES. | FEMALES. |
|---|--------|----------|
| 1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers | 0 | 0 |
| 2 Cerebro-spinal fever | 1 | 0 |
| 3 Scarlet fever | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Whooping cough | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Diphtheria | 0 | 0 |
| 6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system.... | 2 | 2 |
| 7 Other forms of tuberculosis.... | 2 | 0 |
| 8 Syphilitic diseases | 2 | 0 |
| 9 Influenza | 2 | 2 |
| 10 Measles | 0 | 0 |
| 11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph.... | 0 | 0 |
| 12 Ac. inf. enceph. | 0 | 0 |
| 13 Cancer of buc. cav. and cesph. (M) uterus (F).... | 0 | 6 |
| 14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ... | 5 | 6 |
| 15 Cancer of breast | 0 | 5 |
| 16 Cancer of all other sites | 29 | 17 |
| 17 Diabetes | 2 | 1 |
| 18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions | 17 | 29 |
| 19 Heart disease.... | 62 | 49 |
| 20 Other disease of circulatory system. | 11 | 9 |
| 21 Bronchitis | 7 | 5 |
| 22 Pneumonia | 7 | 3 |
| 23 Other respiratory diseases | 4 | 2 |
| 24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum | 1 | 1 |
| 25 Diarrhœa (under 2 years) | 1 | 2 |
| 26 Appendicitis | 1 | 0 |
| 27 Other digestive diseases | 3 | 4 |
| 28 Nephritis | 5 | 11 |
| 29 Puerperal and post-abortion. sepsis | 0 | 0 |
| 30 Other maternal causes | 0 | 1 |
| 31 Premature birth | 1 | 1 |
| 32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis. | 3 | 3 |
| 33 Suicide | 3 | 2 |
| 34 Road traffic accidents | 2 | 1 |
| 35 Other violent causes.... | 4 | 3 |
| 36 All other causes | 16 | 12 |
| All Causes | 193 | 177 |

6.—DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Immunisation has been continued at the four different centres as before, attendances being once a month at each centre. Mixed Vaccine for Diphtheria and Whooping Cough is given if asked for.

All the schools in the area have been visited during the year, and large numbers of children have had "boosting" doses.

The four cases of Diphtheria notified and confirmed during the year occurred at Hull University College Hostel for Women Students. This Hostel is situated in Haltemprice. These were the only cases we have had since 1946.

7.—RODENT AND MOSQUITO CONTROL.

Spraying of all ponds and water courses under the supervision of the Council has been carried out from April 1st to the end of September, and proved effective, as the numbers of mosquitoes were fewer than for several years.

The "rat catcher" has been fully employed throughout the year.

8.—WATER SUPPLY.

Approximately 98% of the houses in this area are provided with a piped water supply. The remaining properties are those farms and houses in outlying parts of the area, and these houses rely on their own bores. Of the houses provided with a piped supply, about 2—3% only rely on a stand pipe outside the house.

There has been a shortage of water throughout the whole of the district. So far as the Cottingham area is concerned, the consumption dropped from 137 to 132 million gallons.

In one case only was action found to be necessary. An adverse report on a pump water resulted in a stand pipe being erected as a replacement.

9.—DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The main drainage facilities for building contracts continue to be of the highest priority, becoming more urgent as the possibilities of the pre-war rate of development become possible. During the year the following progress has been made :—

(1). *Joint Main Drainage Scheme—Hull and Haltemprice.*

In view of the heavy expenditure involved every effort has been made to synchronise the completion of the various works, having regard to the difficulties of supplies. Tenders for various items of pumping plant with long terms of delivery have been under consideration, while tenders for the pumps are now under discussion. The outfall sewer from the pumping station to the Humber will involve many technical problems, and this work is about to be advertised, whilst authority is being sought to advertise the first limb of the sewer from the pumping station to the Haltemprice boundary. Simultaneously with the above operations work on the pumping station continues.

(2). *Sewerage at Dunswell.*

It is disappointing to report that in spite of the urgency of this scheme, no advance of any moment has been made. The application for loan sanction is still with the Ministry of Health.

10.—AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This has been well maintained by ambulances stationed at Hessle, Cottingham and Beverley, all now controlled by the County Council.

Totals for year 1949 :—

| | Journeys. | Patients. | Mileage. |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| County | 12,925 | 17,795 | 398,865 |
| Haltemprice | 657 | 958 | 14,916 |
| (Included in above figures). | | | |

11.—HOUSING.

Conditions in this area still continue to be difficult, and there are now 2,679 applicants on the Council's housing list.

During the year 152 houses were completed by the local authority and 12 by private enterprise. A further 152 houses were in course of erection by the Council and 28 by private builders.

My thanks are due to Mr. Rhodes and the members of the staff of the Health Department, who have carried out their duties faithfully and well. I am grateful, too, to the members of the Council, especially to the members of the Health Committee, for their unfailing kindness and support.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR. FOR THE YEAR 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me much pleasure to present to you my first Annual Report upon the work carried out in the Sanitary Inspectors' section of the Health Department.

During the year control of the registration and inspection of farm premises in relation to milk production passed from the Local Authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. It seems doubtful to me that this change will necessarily be beneficial to the public. The news that the Ministry's officials would no longer be making routine inspection of farm dairy premises seems to bear out the supposition

This Authority still control the distributive side, however. Constant sampling of milks being sold by retail distributors and those being sold by producer distributors does help to safeguard the residents in the area.

In January, 1949, the Council decided to discontinue the practice of serving replacement notices in connection with the provision of new dustbins upon the owner or occupier concerned, and decided to adopt Sub-Section 3 of Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936. At the same time it was decided to make a charge of four shillings per year for each bin supplied under this scheme. This change has had two main effects, firstly there has been a shortening of the period of waiting between a bin being found to be defective and its being replaced, and, secondly, in most cases, the tenant is now paying for the dustbin.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Health Committee for their consideration

and the support they have given to me, and the members of the Health Department for the efficient and hard work carried out during the period.

GENERAL.

During the year 540 complaints were received by the Department. The subject matter of these complaints was made up as follows :—

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Defective or choked drains | .... | .... | .... | .... | 56 |
| Defective water closets | .... | .... | .... | .... | 34 |
| Defective dustbins | .... | .... | .... | .... | 15 |
| Rats present | .... | .... | .... | .... | 226 |
| General housing defects.... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 141 |
| Miscellaneous | .... | .... | .... | .... | 68 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |
| Total.... | | | | | 540 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |

As a result of these complaints it was found necessary to serve 484 informal notices.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

| | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|-----|
| Houses and premises inspected | .... | .... | .... | 463 |
| Houses and premises re-inspected | .... | .... | .... | 587 |
| Miscellaneous visits | .... | .... | .... | 841 |
| Visits to works in progress | .... | .... | .... | 45 |
| Visits to slaughter-houses | .... | .... | .... | 170 |
| Visits to dairies, cowsheds and milkshops | .... | .... | .... | 190 |
| Visits to bakehouses | .... | .... | .... | 8 |
| Visits to schools | .... | .... | .... | 13 |
| Visits to factories | .... | .... | .... | 27 |
| Visits re cases of infectious disease | .... | .... | .... | 62 |
| Disinfection after cases of infectious disease.... | .... | .... | .... | 51 |
| Drains inspected | .... | .... | .... | 293 |
| Drains tested with smoke or water | .... | .... | .... | 19 |
| Visits to premises re storage of petroleum | .... | .... | .... | 2 |
| Visits re conversion of privies to w.c's. | .... | .... | .... | 145 |
| Food Inspection | .... | .... | .... | 45 |
| Shops visited | .... | .... | .... | 2 |

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Visits to tips | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| Visits re overcrowding | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| Rat destruction | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 212 |
| Visits re sale of ice-cream | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 42 |
| Visits re milk sampling | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 |
| | | | | | | — |
| Total.... | | | | | | 3,241 |
| | | | | | | — |

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

Repair work of a maintenance nature continues to be influenced by two main factors. The main effort in labour and materials going, as it does to new building, has an obvious effect on repair work. The other factor, and, I think, the more important, is the high cost of repairs compared with the pre-war controlled rents—especially of the older, cottage type of house. In these latter cases, only a minimum standard of repairs can be reasonably called for. It would definitely seem that the time has come for some form of de-control.

DRAINS.

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Repaired, cleansed, etc.... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 63 |
| New provided | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14 |
| Relaid | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | — |
| New gullies fixed.... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |

WATER CLOSETS.

| | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| New pans fixed.... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 |
| New W.C.'s installed | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 |
| Cisterns repaired | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 26 |
| New cisterns fixed | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | — |
| Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 16 |
| Privies converted to W.C.'s | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9 |
| Soil pipes repaired | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 |
| New soil pipes provided.... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 |

SINKS AND BATHS.

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---|
| New provided | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 |
| New waste pipes provided | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7 |
| Waste pipes repaired | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 |

R.W. PIPES.

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Repaired | 3 |
| Renewed | 16 |

WATER SUPPLY.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Cisterns repaired.... | 4 |
| Pumps repaired | — |
| Water supplies laid on | — |
| Service pipes repaired | 9 |
| Pumps abolished | — |

YARD PAVING, ETC.

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Yards paved | — |
| Paving repaired | 8 |
| Yards cleansed | — |

DUST RECEPTACLES.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Provided | 157 |
| New privy pails provided | 3 |

DAMPNESS.

| | |
|--|----|
| Roofs repaired | 41 |
| Eaves gutters provided | 9 |
| Eaves gutters repaired | 41 |
| Walls rendered or pointed | 16 |
| Ventilation provided under floors | — |

GENERAL REPAIRS, ETC.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Walls repaired | — |
| Windows repaired | 6 |
| House floors repaired or renewed | 25 |
| Ranges repaired | 21 |
| Ceilings repaired | 23 |
| Animals removed | — |
| Accumulations removed ... | 3 |
| Rooms ventilated | — |
| Wall plaster repaired | 63 |
| Additional windows provided | — |
| Doors repaired or renewed | — |
| Obstructive buildings removed.... | — |
| Sash cords renewed | 23 |
| Rooms cleansed | 4 |
| Windows made to open | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | 26 |

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

| | No. Inspected. | No. of Inspections |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made | 387 | 450 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1)) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made | 141 | 161 |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .... | .... | 1 |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .... | .... | 247 |

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 123 |
|--|-----|

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

| | |
|--|---|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs | — |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices : | |
| (a) By owners | — |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | — |

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

| | | |
|-----|--|----|
| (1) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.... | 16 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices : | |
| (a) | By owners | 11 |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of owners | — |

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

| | | |
|-----|--|---|
| (1) | Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | — |
| (2) | Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | 4 |

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

| | | |
|-----|--|---|
| (1) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | — |
| (2) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | — |

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

| | | |
|----|--|-----|
| A. | (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 19 |
| | (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... | 20 |
| | (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | 149 |
| B. | (i) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 3 |
| C. | (ii) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | — |
| | (iii) Number of persons concerned in such cases | — |

D. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding —

E. The above figures show the known cases of overcrowding, but it is felt that many other cases actually exist because of the high number of applicants for re-housing in this district. No accurate figures could be given unless a new survey were made.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

As has been stated, the control of dairy farms, from the milk production aspect, passed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries at the end of September, 1949. At the time of the change over there were 45 milk producing farms in this area. Out of this number two only were producing tuberculin tested milk.

Milk sampling was commenced during the year, samples being obtained from producers and distributors. Two of these samples taken and submitted to biological examination were found to give a positive result for tuberculosis. One of the samples was from one of our producers, and the Medical Officer of Health made an order enforcing the heat treatment of this milk supply until the infected animal had been found. The other sample was taken from a distributor, and the necessary action was taken outside the district. With one exception all samples taken satisfied the bacteriological test.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The table below shews the number of carcasses, including organs, of animals inspected :—

| | | | | |
|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| Bovines | .... | .... | .... | 1,072 |
| Sheep | .... | .... | .... | 3,075 |
| Pigs | ... | .... | .... | 142 |

The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

1.—CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

| | Cattle including Calves | Sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Number inspected | 1,072 | 3,075 | 142 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis : | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 346 | 84 | 36 |
| Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis | 32.55 | 2.85 | 26.76 |
| Tuberculosis only : | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 17 | — | — |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 119 | — | 1 |
| Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis | 16.64 | — | 0.70 |

Total weight of condemned Fresh Meat was 22,918 lbs.

„ „ „ Chilled „ „ 222 lbs.

2.—OTHER FOODS SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED.

| | Tins. | lbs. | Jars. |
|--|-------|------|-------|
| Corned Beef | 19 | — | — |
| Various Meat and Ham Preparations | 76 | — | — |
| Ham and Bacon | — | 8½ | — |
| Beef | — | 81 | — |
| Chilled Beef | — | 222 | — |
| Jam and Marmalade | 6 | — | 17 |
| Milk (a) Evaporated | 456 | — | — |
| (b) Condensed | 2 | — | — |
| (c) Skimmed | 28 | — | — |
| Fruits | 83 | — | — |
| Vegetables | 88 | — | — |
| Fish | 34 | — | — |
| Soups | 29 | — | — |
| Golden Syrup | 2 | — | — |
| Nescafe | 2 | — | — |
| Salad Cream, etc. | — | — | 42 |
| Tomato Puree | 1 | — | — |

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

The following factory premises are situated in Haltemprice :—

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Factories with power | 51 |
| Factories with no power | 28 |

There were no major faults in connection with the sanitary accommodation at these premises. The minor defects were satisfactorily dealt with. At one factory a new block of water closets and treatment plant were put into operation. These water closets replaced a block of pail closets.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION
AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse throughout is undertaken by direct labour, and is under the control of the Engineer's Department.

Mechanical transport is used throughout the District, and a weekly collection is made.

All house refuse in the three Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| COTTINGHAM WARD—Controlled tipping into Bogs Tip, Cottingham. | | |
| CENTRAL | „ | To either Cottingham or Hessle. |
| HESSLE | „ | Controlled tipping on Tip near the Humber Bank. |

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from population areas and have proved satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council has employed one operator to treat the Council's premises and to carry out work on private and business premises on request.

The following table gives a summary of the work done and the results achieved during the year :—

| Detail | Premises | | | Sewers | Totals |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Private | Council | Trade | | |
| Number of visits made.... | 1773 | 150 | 39 | 6 | 1968 |
| Number of ordinary baits laid | 14573 | 1207 | 719 | 28 | 16527 |
| Number of poison baits laid.. | 2990 | 376 | 196 | 7 | 3569 |
| Number of bodies recovered.. | 424 | 45 | 12 | — | 481 |
| Estimated kill | 4096 | 526 | 239 | 20 | 4881 |

When considering these figures it should be remembered that the rat is a prolific breeder and also causes an immense amount of damage if left undisturbed. One rat may bear as many 120 young per year, each becoming mature in 3 to 4 months.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfection was carried out, by this Department, of the rooms after cases of Infectious Disease. The bedding is treated by the Hull Corporation, by special arrangement.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. RHODES, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

